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Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Committee on the Rights of the Child has on several occasions emphasized the importance it attaches to areas where technical assistance would seem appropriate in a particular country, as arising from the consideration of a State party's report and in the light of the provisions of article 45 (b) of the Convention.

2. A table indicating areas in which the need for technical advice and advisory services has been identified in the light of the observations adopted by the Committee at its third to fourteenth sessions is to be found in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR ADVISORY SERVICES AND TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE

State party	Initial report	Observations by the Committee	Areas identified for advisory services and technical assistance
Belarus	CRC/C/3/Add.14	CRC/C/15/Add.17 (fifth session)	Para. 18 - Assistance from UNICEF, WHO, Centre for Human Rights and other interested organizations for, inter alia, harmonization of legislation and measures with CRC, development of coordinating body on children's rights, determining the targeting of programmes, the major thrust of policies and the mobilization of resources for the rights of the child. International assistance for measures to cope with aftermath of Chernobyl nuclear disaster.
Bulgaria	CRC/C/8/Add.29	CRC/C/15/Add.66 (fourteenth session)	Para. 22 - International cooperation for the development of a system of data collection and identification of appropriate disaggregated indicators. Para. 34 - Technical assistance from the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the United Nations in the area of juvenile justice.
Burkina Faso	CRC/C/3/Add.19	CRC/C/15/Add.19 (sixth session)	Para. 18 - Assistance from the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights in the field of the administration of juvenile justice - support from the international community in the fields of legislative review, training of law enforcement personnel, judges and other administration of justice officials, and for the development of an adequate data collection system on the situation of children.

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Chile	CRC/C/3/Add.18	CRC/C/15/Add.22 (sixth session)	Para. 17 - Availability of the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights to assist in establishing a legal system of administration of juvenile justice.
China	CRC/C/11/Add.7	CRC/C/15/Add.56 (twelfth session)	Para. 29 - Cooperation with UNICEF in widely disseminating throughout the country, including through mass media, the principles and provisions of the Convention. Para. 39 - Cooperation with UNICEF, WHO and UNESCO for further training of staff in welfare institutions, for effective supervision of staff and periodic review of treatment provided to children in such institutions and, in light of other issues raised during the dialogue, for reviewing systems in place for monitoring welfare institutions and providing them with adequate financing. Para. 42 - Assistance from relevant United Nations bodies including the Centre for Human Rights to thoroughly review the legislative and administrative measures and procedures in relation to juvenile justice to ensure their conformity with the Convention and other instruments relevant in this field.
Colombia	CRC/C/8/Add.3	CRC/C/15/Add.15 (preliminary) (fifth session) CRC/C/15/Add.30 (concluding) (eighth session)	Para. 16 - Closer cooperation with relevant international agencies to assess the implementation of the Convention and narrow the gap between law and practice. Para. 19 - Assistance from ILO in the area of child labour. Para. 24 - Cooperation with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Centre for Human Rights, to embark upon major reform in all areas of concern indicated.

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Ethiopia	CRC/C/8/Add.27	CRC/C/15/Add.67 (fourteenth session)	Para. 26 - Technical assistance from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for improving the data collection system and further studies and follow-up surveys on vulnerable groups of children. Para. 33 - Cooperation with the International Labour Organization with a view to envisaging ratification of ILO Convention No. 138. Para. 34 - Technical assistance from the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the United Nations in the area of the administration of juvenile justice. Para. 36 - Organization of a meeting of international organizations, including organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations and national authorities, to assess needs for further international assistance to promote and protect child rights.

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Guatemala	CRC/C/3/Add.33	CRC/C/15/Add.58 (twelfth session)	Para. 28 - International cooperation in particular from UNICEF in developing a system of data collection and identifying appropriate disaggregated indicators. Para. 29 - International cooperation from UNICEF and other organizations to disseminate information and education about children's rights to children and adults alike. Para. 35 - International cooperation from relevant international organizations to address issues relating to the reproductive health of women. Para. 40 - Technical assistance from relevant international organizations including the Centre for Human Rights, in revising the juvenile justice system. Para. 41 - Technical assistance from ILO in launching effective public awareness campaigns for the prevention and elimination of child labour in the light of article 32 of the Convention.
Honduras	CRC/C/3/Add.17	CRC/C/15/Add.24 (seventh session)	Para. 22 - Organization of a meeting with members of the Committee, the donor community, the World Bank, the IMF, UNICEF and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to discuss availability of resources to implement the Convention within the framework of international cooperation. Para. 34 - Technical assistance from UNHCR to introduce legislation for the protection of the rights of refugees.

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Indonesia	CRC/C/3/Add.10 and Add.26	CRC/C/15/Add.7 (preliminary) (fourth session) CRC/C/15/Add.25 (concluding) (sixth session)	Para. 19 - Law reforms to ensure conformity with the Convention. (Activities developed by the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights.) Para. 18 - Assistance from the programme of advisory services and technical assistance of the Centre for Human Rights for the review of child-related laws to ensure conformity with the Convention. Para. 23 - Technical advice from ILO on legislation and monitoring mechanisms for the protection of working children.
Jamaica	CRC/C/8/Add.12	CRC/C/15/Add.32 (eighth session)	Para. 18 - Assistance from the Centre for Human Rights in undertaking law reform. Para. 19 - Meeting to discuss, within the framework of international cooperation, the implementation of the Convention. Para. 28 - Technical assistance from UNESCO for a thorough review of the education system. Para. 29 - Assistance from ILO and UNICEF in the area of child labour. Para. 30 - Technical assistance from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in law reform in the field of the administration of juvenile justice.
Lebanon	CRC/C/8/Add.23	CRC/C/15/Add.54 (twelfth session)	Para. 44 - International assistance in the area of the administration of juvenile justice from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the United Nations. Para. 45 - Cooperation of relevant international agencies and institutions and other Governments with Lebanese authorities and voluntary organizations in the reconstruction effort.

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Madagascar	CRC/C/8/Add.5	CRC/C/15/Add.26 (seventh session)	Para. 21 - Assistance from ILO to reinforce State party's capacity to monitor the Convention in the area of child exploitation. Para. 22 - Technical assistance from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in the area of administration of juvenile justice.
Mauritius	CRC/C/3/Add.36	CRC/C/15/Add.64 (thirteenth session)	Para. 24 - International cooperation for the development of a system of data collection and the identification of appropriate indicators. Para. 28 - International cooperation to address the issue of the impact of malnutrition on child development in connection with school drop-out and child labour. Strengthening of cooperation with ILO and UNICEF. Para. 32 - Assistance from the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division in the area of administration of juvenile justice.
Mongolia	CRC/C/3/Add.32	CRC/C/15/Add.48 (eleventh session)	Para. 30 - Assistance from Centre for Human Rights and Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, in the framework of ongoing technical assistance programmes, in law reform in the field of children's rights and training of professionals working with children, with special attention to training in the relevant international standards. Assistance to current efforts from other organizations, including ILO, UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO, and the international community.

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Morocco	CRC/C/28/Add.1	CRC/15/Add.60 (thirteenth session)	Para. 19 - Pursue cooperation with High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights in the field of training on the rights of the child and human rights. Para. 22 - Implementation of policies and measures for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child both at central and local levels in cooperation with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including UNICEF and ILO. Para. 24 - Further technical cooperation from ILO with a view to envisaging ratifying ILO Convention No. 138. Para. 28 - Assistance from the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division in the area of the administration of juvenile justice.
Myanmar	CRC/C/8/Add.9	CRC/C/15/Add.69 (fourteenth session)	Para. 31 - Cooperation for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies. Para. 35 - Cooperation with United Nations bodies including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the specialized agencies and national and/or international non-governmental organizations for the development of a comprehensive training programme especially focusing on child abuse. Para. 45 - International assistance from appropriate United Nations bodies, including UNICEF, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations for the full implementation of article 39 of the Convention. Para. 46 - Assistance from the High Commissioner/ Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the United Nations in the area of the administration of juvenile justice.

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Namibia	CRC/C/3/Add.12	CRC/C/15/Add.14 (fifth session)	Para. 12 - Consideration to be given to the possibility of Namibia becoming a party to all major international human rights instruments (assistance from the Centre for Human Rights). Para. 20 - Administration of juvenile justice (continued cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, UNICEF).
Nepal	CRC/C/3/Add.34	CRC/C/15/Add.57 (twelfth session)	Para. 26 - International cooperation with, inter alia, the Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF in ensuring specific training activities on the Convention to professional groups working with and for children, including teachers, social workers, health personnel, judges and law enforcement officials. Para. 35 - Cooperation with ILO in the area of child labour, with a view to considering ratifying ILO Convention No. 138, review national legislation to bring it in conformity with the Convention and other relevant international standards, ensuring enforcement of child labour laws, protecting children involved in informal sector. Para. 38 - Technical assistance programme to be developed with the Centre for Human Rights including in the areas of law reform in the field of children's rights and training of professionals working with children, awareness and information campaigns on the Convention, establishment of a Commission on Human Rights or other independent mechanisms to monitor children's rights issues.

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Nepal (cont.)			Para. 39 - Technical assistance from relevant international organizations including ILO, UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, with consideration being given to developing a task-force of such international organizations present in the country.
Nicaragua	CRC/C/3/Add.25	CRC/C/15/Add.36 (ninth session)	Para. 32 - General implementation measures, with particular attention to the most vulnerable groups of children. Support for initiatives designed to facilitate international cooperation in assisting the State party to meet its obligations under the Convention. Para. 40 - Further technical assistance from ILO in the area of legal reforms and preventive campaigns to address the issue of child labour.
Nigeria	CRC/C/8/Add.26	CRC/C/15/Add.61 (thirteenth session)	Para. 38 - Further international cooperation for the implementation of measures identified for the application of the provisions of articles 28 and 29 of the Convention.
Pakistan	CRC/C/3/Add.13	CRC/C/15/Add.18 (sixth session)	Para. 31 - Assistance from the Centre for Human Rights for reviewing the system of the administration of juvenile justice. Para. 32 - Technical advice from ILO for evaluating the adequacy of measures taken to deal with issues of the exploitation of children. Para. 34 - Continued cooperation with IGOs and NGOs for improving the situation of children; assistance and advice upon request from the Centre for Human Rights, UNICEF, ILO and other interested organizations and agencies for programmes to implement the Convention.

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Panama	CRC/C/8/Add.28	CRC/C/15/Add.68 (fourteenth session)	Para. 25 - Technical assistance from UNICEF for developing the data collection system and identifying appropriate disaggregated indicators. Para. 27 - Technical assistance from appropriate intergovernmental organizations, including the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF and non-governmental organizations for training and education on the Convention and the inclusion of children's rights in school curricula. Para. 33 - Assistance from ILO in the area of child labour. Para. 34 - Cooperation with UNHCR to develop procedures to facilitate family reunification, appoint legal representatives for unaccompanied children and apply child-friendly interview techniques. Para. 36 - Technical assistance from the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the United Nations in the area of the administration of juvenile justice.
Paraguay	CRC/C/3/Add.17	CRC/C/15/Add.27 (preliminary) (seventh session)	Para. 16 - Incorporation in the activities organized under the joint programme of technical cooperation currently provided by the Centre for Human Rights and UNDP of the concerns raised by the Committee.
Peru	CRC/C/3/Add.7	CRC/C/15/Add.8 (fourth session)	Para. 19 - International assistance to address more effectively the challenge of improving the situation of children in especially difficult circumstances.

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Philippines	CRC/C/3/Add.23	CRC/C/15/Add.29 (eighth session)	Para. 26 - Technical assistance from ILO to implement the provisions of article 32 of the Convention. Para. 27 - Assistance in the administration of juvenile justice (law reform and training) from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch.
Poland	CRC/C/8/Add.11	CRC/C/15/Add.31 (eighth session)	Para. 31 - Technical assistance from UNHCR to address within legal reform the issue of unaccompanied children and children having been refused refugee status and awaiting deportation. Para. 32 - Technical assistance from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in the area of juvenile justice (law reform and training). Para. 35 - Technical assistance and advice from, among others, the Centre for Human Rights and UNICEF, in implementing the Convention (in particular to harmonize national legislation with the Convention, develop a coordinating and monitoring mechanism on children's rights and adopt a comprehensive social policy with child rights as a priority).
Republic of Korea	CRC/C/8/Add.21	CRC/C/15/Add.51 (eleventh session)	Para. 30 - Consultation with ILO to pursue efforts to adopt appropriate measures to reflect fully the Convention in the area of child labour, including through consideration of the ratification of ILO Convention No. 138. Para. 31 - Assistance from the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch in the area of administration of juvenile justice.

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Romania	CRC/C/3/Add.16	CRC/C/15/Add.16 (fifth session)	Para. 23 - Continued cooperation with the Centre for Human Rights in the field of advisory services and technical assistance and support from the international community in the field of child rights.
Russian Federation	CRC/C/3/Add.5	CRC/C/15/Add.4 (third session)	Para. 20 - International cooperation for support in the procurement and manufacture of vaccines.
Rwanda	CRC/C/8/Add.1	CRC/C/15/Add.12 (preliminary) (fourth session)	Para. 3 - Technical advice and assistance for the preparation of the report (art. 45 (b) of the Convention).
Senegal	CRC/C/3/Add.31	CRC/C/15/Add.44 (tenth session)	Para. 27 - Technical assistance from ILO to ensure that reform of child labour legislation should address the situation of children working in the informal sector, paying due attention to domestic service.
Sri Lanka	CRC/C/8/Add.13	CRC/C/15/Add.40 (ninth session)	Para. 26 - Technical assistance from the Centre for Human Rights in the legislative review in the areas of child abuse, child labour and juvenile justice. Para. 32 - International technical assistance for the training of professional groups, including teachers, law enforcement personnel, social workers and the military, with respect to the provisions of the Convention. Para. 41 - Technical assistance from ILO in the perspective of legislative reform on child labour.
Sudan	CRC/C/3/Add.3	CRC/C/15/Add.10 (fourth session)	Para. 20 - Continued cooperation with IGOs and NGOs to improve measures to alleviate the suffering of children.

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Syrian Arab Republic	CRC/C/28/Add.2	CRC/C/15/Add.70 (fourteenth session)	Para. 22 - Cooperation with UNICEF for improving the data collection system and identifying appropriate and specific disaggregated indicators. Para. 30 - Assistance from the High Commissioner/ Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division of the United Nations to undertake a reform of the system of juvenile justice. Para. 31 - Cooperation with UNICEF and national and international non-governmental organizations for the conduct of studies, notably in the fields of health, education and human rights education, and early marriage and child abuse.
Tunisia	CRC/C/11/Add.2	CRC/C/15/Add.39 (ninth session)	Para. 15 - Technical assistance from ILO for the possible ratification of ILO Convention No. 138 and campaigns to prevent the entry of adolescents into the labour force. Para. 16 - Consultations with UNHCR with a view to considering the adoption of relevant legislative provisions regarding the rights of refugee and asylum-seeking children.
Ukraine	CRC/C/8/ Add.10/Rev.1	CRC/C/15/Add.42 (tenth session)	Para. 24 - International support for measures to cope with the negative consequences of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, in particular in the social, health and environmental areas.

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Uruguay	CRC/C/3/Add.37	CRC/C/15/Add.62 (thirteenth session)	Para. 18 - Further cooperation with UNICEF in gathering systematic quantitative and qualitative disaggregated data with a view to evaluating progress and difficulties and setting priorities for future action. Para. 24 - Assistance from the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division in the area of the administration of juvenile justice. Para. 25 - Assistance from ILO to address the issue of child labour.
Viet Nam	CRC/C/3/Add.4	CRC/C/15/Add.3 (third session)	Para. 8 - Administration of juvenile justice (training course to be organized by the Centre for Human Rights).
Zimbabwe	CRC/C/3/Add.35	CRC/C/15/Add.55 (twelfth session)	Para. 32 - Assistance from ILO in considering recommendations made by ILO in 1993 and in particular to prohibit employment below 18 in hazardous activities and to make education free and compulsory up to 15.